GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:115
ANSWERED ON:24.10.2008
BRT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted for Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) projects under the Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) whether the Government has taken into consideration the difficulties being faced in the implementation of BRTS in Delhi while approving these projects in other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether safety of pedestrians has been paid due attention in approving BRT projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.115 FOR 24.10.2008 REGARDING BRT SYSTEM.

(a): 16 projects received from various States have been approved by the Government for funding under the Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) Component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with an approved cost of Rs.408458.70 lakhs with Additional Central Assistance committed of Rs.189508.05 lakhs. Details in this regards is enclosed as Annexure I.

(b)to(e): Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS), though an established system globally for more than 30 years, is being implemented for the first time in India. As such, the experience gained in any city, including Delhi are being taken note of and shared with other cities through regular workshops. Cities have been advised to incorporate all such experiences adequately in the detailed designs for their BRTS projects. For the safety of the pedestrians, separate dedicated path in all BRTS project corridors is included as part of the project. At grade pedestrian crossings are also regulated and protected through traffic signals.